



Octob. 16. 1642.

Charles I.

Whereas the **KINGS** most Excellent Majesty was Graciously pleased upon *Munday the nineteenth day of September last past, in the Head of His Army, to make His Royall Protestation in these words.*



Do promise in the presence of Almighty God, and as I hope for his blessing and Protection, that I will to the utmost of my Power, defend and maintain the true reformed Protestant Religion established in the Church of England, and by the grace of God in the same will live and dy. I desire to govern by the known Lawes of the Land, and that the Liberty & Propriety of the Subject may be by them preserved with the same care as my own just Rights. And if it please God by his blessing upon this Army, raised for My necessary defence, to preserve Mee from this Rebellion, I do solemnly and faithfully promise in the sight of God, to maintain the just Priviledges and freedom of Parliament, and to govern by the known Lawes of the Land to my utmost power, and particularly to observe inviolably the Lawes consented to by Mee this Parliament. In the mean while, if this time of Warre, and the great necessity and streights I am now driven to, beget any violation of those, I hope it shall be imputed by God and man to the Authors of this Warre, and not to Mee, who have so earnestly laboured for the preservation of the Peace of this Kingdom.

When I willingly faile in these particulars, I will expect no ayd or reliefe from any man, or protection from Heaven. But in this Resolution I hope for the chearfull assistance of all good men, and am confident of Gods blessing.

I Resting fully assured of His Majesties Princely truth and goodnesse, do freely & from my heart, promise, vow, and protest in the presence of Almighty God, that I will to the utmost of my power, and with the hazard of my life maintain & defend the true Protestant Religion established in the Church of England: His Majesties sacred person, His heirs, and lawfull successors: His Majesties just Powers and Prerogatives, and the just Powers and Priviledges of Parliament, against the Forces now under the conduct of the Earle of Essex, and against all other Forces whatsoever, raised or to be raised under what pretence soever, contrary to His Majesties Command. And I doe believe the raising and employing of forces by His Majesty, for the causes and purposes afore mentioned, to be most just and necessary.

And I will do my utmost endeavour to procure and reestablish the Peace and quietnesse of the Kingdom, and that therein all His Majesties Subjects may fully enjoy their Liberty and propriety according to the Lawes of the Land.

And I will neither directly, nor indirectly, divulge or communicate any thing to the said Earle of Essex, his Officers or any other, to hinder or prejudice the designes of His Majesty in the conduct and employment of His Army. And I doe believe that the Subject of England is not obliged by any Act of State, Vote, Ordinance, or Declaration made, or to be made, either by the Kings Majesty solely, or by the Lords or Commons in Parliament singly or jointly, without His Majesties expresse consent, savinge such as have been or shall be in execution of, and according to some known Law, Custom of the Realm, or Statute enacted, or to be enacted by the King, Lords and Commons in Parliament.

And I doe farther Protest and Vow in the presence of Almighty God, that I will never take up or bear Armes but by the expresse warrant of the Kings Majesty, or by authority justly derived from His Majesties immediat Warrants.